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Brooklyn Village Board Special Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2022

The January 10, 2022, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Kyle Smith (arrived late via Zoom), Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, Jacob Bachim and Brandon Arndt. Also present were William Brockman, Jodette Friedrich, Neal Patten from Oregon Observer arrived later via Zoom, and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public comments – William Brockman spoke regarding the Business Park expansion. Water runoff is affecting his property. It started when the road was redone. He's spoken to Green County about the road. He says water coming from the Village is affecting his property. Water comes down the ditch line and onto his property. He said Spilde looked at it a couple years ago. Water is continually flooding his land. He wants to make sure with new construction that that doesn't happen anymore. Bruner said when we meet with our engineers, storing water on site will be discussed. Brockman says none of the water from the current business park goes into the stormwater pond. He says he wasn't notified of the annexation. Bruner said he can't speak for the board from 2012. Brockman stated he's upset with the way it was handled. Can he get information on the engineering firm and keep him in the loop. Bruner suggested reaching out to the state for the highway runoff on the state highway. Bruner said our road will be on Village property.

Trustee Smith joined via Zoom. **Jodette Friedrich** – will be building in Brooklyn Commons and is looking for an exception from the village. She inherited three dogs when her mother passed away. She has two dogs. She checked on our ordinance and it's three dogs. She won't replace the dogs as they pass away. All are under 25 pounds and are from ages 13 to 5. They don't go free. She plans on putting a fence up. She will get them licensed, and they have all of their shots. Kuhlman stated the current ordinance is limit of three. She checked with other clerks, and some have exceptions and have an application for an exception. She would recommend an ordinance change also, if they decide to allow exceptions. Bruner asked if all they are spade and neutered. Friedrich said yes. Brennum asked if we should do an ordinance amendment to do an exception to have on the books. Bruner would recommend as a change in ordinance to say any possible exceptions reviewed on a case-by-case basis. He doesn't want a blanket change. Friedrich said they would only go free in the backyard, and it will be fenced. She will be building this year. She's working on plans now. Brusberg has no opposition and thinks an exception can be approved by the board. Bachim and Olson agree. Bruner asked for a motion to approve this tonight, so she can get started on her property, and a second motion to refer to the ordinance committee to change the ordinance. **Bachim made a motion to allow the five dogs for Ms. Friedrich.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried. **Bachim made a motion to amend the current ordinance.** Bachim seconded. Motion carried. Smith opposed.

President's report – Bruner reported that the village closed on the approximately 34 acres in the Business Park on December 30. We will have a preliminary meeting with the engineers to give them an idea of what we're looking for and give us some feedback. We will have further discussions. We have reached out to O&A and All Color to see what their wants and needs are. He received a phone call from a party who wants to build commercial condos. The person has been successful and is interested in talking with us. Arndt asked if they would be selling or renting the commercial condos. Bruner believes his intention is to sell them. It's office type businesses as opposed to industrial type businesses. Bruner also reported that we had previously approved to put an ad in the Professional Firefighters of Wisconsin magazine. We were one of three in the magazine that responded. He received a copy of the magazine. It was us, Manitowoc and Oak Creek. Brusberg asked if knowing we will be having further discussions with Strand, would it make sense to weave in what's taking place on Mr. Brockman's property. Bruner said we will definitely look at that and make sure as we develop the land, we don't damage other property and everything is self-contained.

Brennum made a motion to approve the minutes of December 13. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Brusberg had a couple questions on bills. The refunds weren't necessarily denoted with a credit. Kuhlman explained it is a refund check to taxpayers who overpaid. Olson had a spelling correction for Kranig Excavating.

Brusberg made a motion to approve the bills as presented. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Neal Patten joined the meeting via Zoom. **Johnson Block proposal for next five years of auditing** -- Kuhlman said we did an RFP about five years ago, and they were one of three that returned bids. They've been our auditors for a long time. Brusberg doesn't think they are unreasonable charges. It comes out to about a three percent increase per year. Arndt asked if it's been a five-year contract in the past. Kuhlman confirmed. **Brennum made a motion to accept the Johnson Block five-year contract.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

DSCO overtime hours schedule – Brusberg reached out to the principal at Brooklyn Elementary. He shared that we're looking to add overtime during the morning period, and she was excited about that. The issue at the school previously was a one-time occurrence. Deputy Grumke has been able to help more recently. Brusberg thinks 7 to 11 or 8 to noon would be good options, if we want to account for traffic flow. In terms of days, he suggested Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Bruner asked if it could be a little more random. Brusberg said the school district will have days off also. Bruner said it's based on deputy availability. Arndt asked if it would be better 8 to noon or 7 to 11. Discussion on start times. Arndt said maybe 7 to 11 would be better to cover sidewalk times. Bruner said another option would be to give Grumke the option to work 7 to 7 and have coverage all day. Brennum said the summer after hours is a bigger problem. Brusberg suggested we try this through the first week of June and reevaluate for the summer. Bachim said we will have construction at 92 and we will have a lot of traffic coming through the next few years. Bruner suggested that between now and the end of school the year we have the four-hour shifts in the morning and as spring and summer comes, we look at some morning and some shifts on the days Grumke is off. Brusberg suggested we start that tonight and evaluate in mid-April and make a decision on summer months. Bachim said we should keep track of hours for the second officer. Brennum suggested Monday through Friday four days a week and four-hour shifts and keep Grumke on his shift and us protected. **Brennum made a motion to let DCSO know we would like coverage Monday through Friday, four days a week with four hour shifts from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. through the second week of June with reevaluation by the board in April for summer hours.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Taxes came in for December in the amount of \$1,109,012.12. We have gotten information for January settlement and those payments will be made tomorrow. Loan proceeds were \$1,067,360 for the TID 2 land purchase. We paid out \$1,055,950 for the purchase of the land, which included loan fees. **Total deposits in December were \$2,251,511.78 and total withdrawals of \$1,158,977.04, for a total of \$3,008,228.78 in all accounts at the end of the year.** In December we deposited taxes at State Bank of Cross Plains and in January we will deposit in Monona Bank. The **Post Office has had issues with kids in the lobby** after hours doing some vandalism, so they close now at 5 p.m. Since the kids keep taking the postings off the bulletin board, she would like to look at getting a **posting board outside the village hall.** She will get some pricing. Brennum asked about Post Office having cameras, and Kuhlman said she doesn't know but we have reported it to Deputy Grumke. Discussion about Post Office locking doors and kids in lobby. Bruner thinks the jurisdiction is the postal inspector. **Election papers** were turned in last Tuesday. Dan Olson will be the only one on the ballot. Brennum stated he will be running as a registered write-in in April. Kuhlman stated any write-ins will be counted. We will not need a February primary election. We received an email from the **library service.** They are looking to do a three-week programming in September at the community building gym. Spilde and Kuhlman met with Strand on an **overview of TID 2.** She will be looking for a grant. It could be 2023 before we start the work. She reached out to O&A and All Color to meet to discuss what land they're looking for.

Fire-EMS District Commission – Brusberg said their last meeting was held December 15, and the next one is on January 19th. The fire chief's report and EMS reports were brought up at that time. **November fire** had 14 requests for emergency response and a year to date of 155 calls --- 8 within the village, 6 in other municipalities, 3

mutual aid for other communities. **EMS had 25 engine runs over November**, and a yearly total of 256 calls, compared to 244 for calls the year before. Of the 25, 9 were within the village, 6 in Village of Oregon, 3 in Union, 2 in Rutland, 2 in Town of Oregon, 1 in Town of Brooklyn. Bachim asked about year to date on fire. Brusberg said 155. Last year they had 146 as of 12/1 of 2020. They had 2 bigger calls in Union, medical assist for fire and assist with Monticello on a structure fire. Of the 25 calls, 8 were mutual aid within EMS. They discussed servicing the Town of Exeter for mutual aid. Talked about **Brooklyn Fire/EMS website**. Right now, they have a couple websites out there. The association pays for a dot-org and district pays for dot-com and they're looking at merging them and making the content more relevant. They brought up the option for federal ARPA dollars and a letter was sent from Mark O'Brien, which is part of the board packets. The intent is for reimbursement for hazard pay, which was about \$35,000 overall. Brusberg shared with the District that we have quite a bit of infrastructure we are using our dollars on. He feels the water and sewer needs are more important for the village. There was a discussion on unallocated dollars from the Town of Rutland. As of November, we're at \$79,504. We will draw \$38,700 as pertains to the 2022 budget. They were tracking favorably on budgets, so he guesses more dollars will be added from 2021. They discussed in closed session the fire chief role, and they made a decision on that role. Today is the first day for Mason Barber as our full-time fire chief.

Discussion on letter from O'Brien, Fire EMS District Commission chair, asking for ARPA funds from the municipalities – Kuhlman stated that the funds were taken out of unallocated funds to pay for the hazard/premium pay they received. We would be essentially donating money to the district from the ARPA funds, and there are certain rules for that. Her concern is they have paid that money to the employees, so where will the money go if we pay them. Brusberg stated his take after the meeting was it would go towards the unallocated funds. Brennum said they could still use it for something if they documented it. Kuhlman said yes, if it was for something related to safety and they documented it. Brennum also said the District asked for no authorization from the municipalities at the time they paid the hazard pay. Was it the right thing to do, probably, but they never brought it to our attention. Brusberg said unallocated funds paid for it. We have a lot of items prioritized for the village, and he knows our ARPA funds will go towards those items. Kuhlman said you're not taking money away, because they've already been paid the premium pay. The board would like to get a breakdown of what everyone received in ARPA funds. Brennum would like to table the issue until we have decided on the amount of spending. Kuhlman reminded them we have until 2024 to spend the money. Bachim said let us do what we have planned and see what is left. Bruner said to also let them know we can't replenish undesignated funds. If there are specific things, they want the ARPA money for, bring it to the boards. We can't pay for something after the fact. **Brennum made a motion to table further discussion about paying the Fire-EMS District ARPA funds until we finalize our determination of ARPA funds.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Commission – They reviewed ordinance updates and the application processes for if they start bringing 5g to Brooklyn and the right of way application process. **Bruner made a motion to postpone application approvals until after the public hearing on the ordinances.** Arndt seconded. Motion carried.

Smith made a motion at 7:36 p.m. to adjourn. Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW, Clerk-Treasurer

Brooklyn Village Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2022

The January 24, 2022, Village Board meeting of the Village of Brooklyn was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Brooklyn Community Building by President Mark Bruner. Trustees present were Dan Olson, Sean Brennum, Mike Brusberg, Jacob Bachim and Brandon Arndt. Trustee Kyle Smith was absent. Also present were Kathy Pennington; Joyce Gilmour; Jeff Phillips from Televic; Bryanna Bucholtz, Clint Weninger and Brian Wallace from Payne & Dolan; Alta Mae Lemke and Andy Meyer from Main Street Music; Janeen Podgorski via Zoom; Deputy Merrick Grumke; Neal Patten from Oregon Observer arrived later via Zoom; and Clerk-Treasurer Linda Kuhlman. Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: **Kathy Pennington** thanked the board for letting her speak to them. She is **running for Green County Supervisor in April** and part of her district is in the Village of Brooklyn in Green County. She has a plan to try to get to know some of the people in the Village. She will do some mailings and area canvassing in Brooklyn towards the end of March, beginning of April. She would like to coordinate with Kuhlman to put an article in the newsletter, so people know who she is and why she is running. She will have yard signs available and will try to get the incumbent to have a meet the candidate night in mid-March, and with permission, maybe do it at the community building. She appreciates the time and asked that everyone get out and vote April 5. Bruner said good luck, and the board appreciates her coming to talk.

Alta Mae Lemke and Andy Meyer – Lemke stated that Main Street Music is looking **at June 11 for a Brooklyn Annual Car and Bike Fest**. They will partner with Extreme Motorsports out of Blue Mounds. The owner of that company owns the national record for Harley hydraulic racing. He brought the idea to them. She's working with the clerk's office and has all the paperwork, and they would like approval. They would like to be at Legion Park and partner with Lyle Wanless and the Veterans Memorial. It would be one day and run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. and then move over to Main Street Music. Bruner stated once the board gets the paperwork, they can look at it to get approval. Board thanked them. No additional public comments.

Joyce Gilmour request to reduce invoice amount -- Bruner said in the board packet is a brief history of procedures and actions taken. He and Kuhlman met with Joyce Gilmour, and he agrees that the fees might be considered a little excessive. **Bruner made motion to reduce the fees from \$6,123.12 to \$4,500. Brusberg seconded.** Gilmour asked to speak and asked if it is possible to see what the board has. She explained that most are not familiar with the two-year process of what was going on with North First Street. They have lived on North Street for 45 years and raised kids there. Wayne was a judge in Brooklyn for 19 years and she taught third graders, and they worked and volunteered in Brooklyn. When she received the invoice, she did not question the engineering expenses and didn't question the zoning admin charges either. The history is their neighbor came to her son and asked if he wanted to buy part of their lot because he was getting older and didn't want to take care of the property. Both her son and Wilke work out of state, so she was tasked with handling the project. It's been an expensive learning lesson. They were excited at the possibility of their son building near them, because her husband had a stroke eight years ago. This plan had many complications along the way. To get a construction loan, her son had to own the property, and they had to have a house plan. It cost \$3,000 for the survey and site plan, \$1,000 for a house plan, \$850 on top of these zoning fees, and they have the taxes for the property now. There were a lot of hurdles they jumped through, with splitting the property, getting the CSM, zoning plans, sewer hookup plans, and essentially they became developers. They knew there would be zoning fees and engineering fees. The attorney fees came in when the street vacation was brought into the picture. This is a block on North First Street that was never treated as a street by this village, and now she feels like when it's becoming not a street, she's begging for mercy to not have to pay. The Village never paved it or plowed it. They feel like they should give an invoice to the village for the plowing not done and gravel put on there because it wasn't treated as a street. Kuhlman said it was plowed in the past when there was a commercial building there. and when the business ended, the village was asked not to plow it. Olson agreed and said it doesn't need to be paved. She is asking that the attorney fees be paid by the village,

because they didn't ask for the street to be vacated. It came from the village and came into the project because of the village. They didn't approach the village and ask that it be vacated. Kuhlman also stated that all parties were told with the street vacation that attorney's fees were to be paid by the parties, and the street vacation came about because the property was rezoned residential, but then the parties called and asked that because their son still wanted to park his semi there, they asked it be half residential and half commercial, and at that time the street vacation was brought up. Brennum asked what the attorney fees were. Gilmour and Kuhlman said it was about \$5,000. Gilmour said they were never given progress reports, never told where things were at. It was a \$10,000 learning lesson. She spoke to another person who is on a board for another village, when she heard they were dealing with a street vacation, they said it was pretty simple and it shouldn't take an attorney very long. She had no clue it would take 25 hours, \$5,000. It was a shock. She's asking for mercy. Brusberg asked why the cost was high. Kuhlman explained it is a process, and they had to look at the CSM and review it, and because it was remaining commercial there was an agreement that needed to be done to leave it commercial. Bruner said he made a motion to lower from \$6,123.12 to an even \$4,500. Brennum suggested taking half of the half of the attorney fees, which would be \$4,939.12. Bruner said his motion covers zoning, engineering and the balance of it is attorney fees. Arndt asked are we eating the attorney fees. Bruner said yes. Olson confirmed the original invoice is half of the attorney fees already. Brusberg said because of the scale of the attorney fees, it seemed like a lot from his perspective. (Neal Patten joined on Zoom) Brusberg asked if there were similar things that happened, and what's normal for fees. Kuhlman said attorney fees are not inexpensive. When we went through the leasing with the village hall and the police department, it was over \$10,000. Bruner said there is a motion and second on the floor. Brusberg asked Gilmour in terms of ability to pay, how quickly she can make payment, in terms of timing. Gilmour said it took a while to get the invoice through the mail, and the invoice states 30 days. Kuhlman said they could pay in installments. **Bachim made an amendment to the motion to pay the \$4,500 in installments due by November 1 of 2022.** Brennum seconded. Brusberg asked Gilmour if she's comfortable with the due date being November 1. Gilmour said she will pay it within a few months. **Bruner stated the board will vote on the amendment first.** Motion carried. **Bruner said the board will vote on the original motion to lower the amount to \$4,500.** Motion carried. Olson opposed. Gilmour thanked the board.

Payne & Dolan Town of Oregon aggregate site -- Clint Weninger with Payne & Dolan presented that he's been with the company for 27 years. They appreciate the opportunity to come. Since they've been working in the Town of Oregon, they usually go to the town at the end of year for an update. Kuhlman asked if they would give an update to the village board. Usually they have a drone video, but we don't have the setup here. Bryanna Bucholtz is also present. They handed out a summary sheet of an overview. They're using the existing entrance, and there is an area for scale operations. That area is all paved. The main area is the operations area, where all the crushing, stockpiling, portable asphalt plant takes place. They lowered the operations area about 10 feet from the existing ground. They mined that portion and along the edge, up to the far northeast corner this fall, and starting another pond in the north. Plan is to work east and southeast. The plant is used majorly for aggregate and asphalt. They are hauling most to the asphalt plant in Fitchburg. There is a need in the area for the portable asphalt plant. That's why they got the permit. It moves in and out. The work will vary depending on where the DOT, county and municipalities have projects. This year, because of the type of work they had in the area, they had a crusher and needed to bring material up to Fitchburg, but also needed to bring a portable plant in as well. The asphalt plant was in from May through August. One reason they picked this area for the plant, it's equal distance from all the neighbors. Some of the work they did was Highway 69 to the west, Highway 213, County Highway B, Anderson Park, Town of Oregon, Towns of Rutland, Dunn, etc. Village of Brooklyn also picked up a load. They can't use for private use, only for public improvement work. They worked out in Fitchburg, Madison Beltline, up in City of Madison, Epic is always doing something. This year they'll be crushing on site, but he's not sure if they'll have the portable plant this year or not. It depends on the workload. They will know in a couple months when bids start going out. They will do some stripping in the spring and reclaiming some area in the southern portion. He asked if anyone had questions. Brusberg asked how high the berm is in the northern boundary. He's had individuals off of Brandle question because of blowing silica. Weninger said they had one person complain. They think part of that is from the southern area. The area on Brandle is quite a bit higher. They can put a 50-60 berm there. They put a sand pile to keep area down lower. They have nice berms and trees surrounding it. Brusberg asked what the berm

level is on the boundary on the north. Weninger said it's a minimum of ten feet. The south one is higher, 15 to 20 feet. Part of the reason was because of proximity of neighbors to the south. Brusberg asked if they treat the silica with water. Weninger said they have a lot of different dust control techniques. A lot of dust is brought up on truck traffic. They put asphalt millings down to provide dust control, use calcium chlorite as a treatment and crushers use a lot of water. But if you get a day where it's high winds, it's tough. They would shut down on days like that. Brusberg asked if there's a normal height restriction on the silica piles. Weninger said no, there's no restriction. They're limited by the height of the conveyor's reach, which is about 30-35 feet. Brusberg asked from a long-term perspective how long will they the CUP be in place, the entire duration or potentially extend further. Weninger said for the temporary asphalt plant it's a 15-year permit, and it will depend on where the market is at that point in time. If there's a need, they will look at extending it. Brusberg asked if there's anything west of the railroad tracks. Weninger said their property is what is in blue with the exception of the entrance that they lease for access. Brennum said there was quite a discussion of smell. Weninger said he had one day of two noise complaints. Arndt said they had multiple odor complaints that they called in and never heard back. Weninger said he got two complaints on one day. Brusberg said he talked with him about the odor one day. Weninger said he checked with the plant, and they're adding dust suppression and odor suppression. Olson is it possible smells were coming off the trucks. Weninger said probably not from that day. He doesn't know if wind was in the right direction or what. He wasn't sure what happened and didn't hear any follow up after that. They appreciate the opportunity to come here. They're a business but also serve the community. If they don't hear from everybody all year, that's great. If they do, they try to take care of it. Before they brought the plant in, they had 12 or 15 people in. They have a list of things they needed to do. They made sure they had numerous meetings to start off on the right foot. They require all trucks to be tarped. Bachim asked on an average day how many trucks come and go. Weninger said there is no average day. It depends where the jobs are. The asphalt plant when running full is 15 loads an hour. There are some aggregate hauls that go out, and they try to balance it out and try to get rid of the high peaks. They try to take that into account when scheduling. Brusberg asked for the projects in 2022 and 2023, are there a lot of asphalt loads going through this site. Weninger said he doesn't have a good idea right now. He said a lot depends on timing of the work. When the portable plant is brought in, they have it productive for the time it's there and then have it move on. They try to match the capacity to what they need. In a couple months from now when bidding season is going on, they can gladly reach out before they bring the plant in. The board thanked them for coming. Weninger thanked the board for having them. If there are any questions, please reach out. In the past, they have had a neighborhood party and invite people out to the plant. They haven't had it in a few years, but they want to do it again. If people want to see it while working, give him a call. Brennum asked Kuhlman to reach out in a couple months about projects.

Jeff Phillips from Televic – Phillips gave a presentation and demonstration of a microphone and sound system for board meetings. He's a rep for Sound Marketing, which is a manufacturer rep for various lighting, audio, and video companies. The system can be wired or wireless, simple or complex, can do voting on them as a package, you can accommodate two people with one station, audio recording is done in the base unit. Kuhlman talked with some Televic people previously and had a conversation of the different systems and what would work for us. She gravitated toward a wireless system, so it could be picked up easily and put away because there are multiple groups that use the building. Phillips stated the system he brought is the middle of the road unit with wireless option. When you push the button to speak, a red light comes on and your speaker goes off, but everyone else can hear you through their speakers. Board members tested the microphones. There is a control system that can adjust volumes and turn units on and off. They communicate with a base station that controls the units and can record onto a memory stick. Can hook up and record through Zoom as well. They run off batteries that can last about 8 hours. You can see if batteries are getting low from the control panel. They can be as close as you want but can be as far away as 180 feet. Can get a speaker to hook up in the audience for them to hear better. Can get exact same look except not wireless. Can get a wired unit that connects with computer cables between microphones. It takes about an hour to charge. Phillips said as a manufacturer rep he doesn't quote pricing. If we don't have a preferred vendor for audio visual, he can make recommendations for someone to sell the product. If we go up a level, we can get a video system also, which can be added to any of the systems. Voting is an add-on one-time license. There is a three-year warranty. Haven't been a rep long enough to see one fail yet. The battery will last like a cell

phone. Can get a display that shows voting results on the display. Cables can go about 150 feet. It's not tied down to a certain place. It's highly portable if we move location, because it's plug and play. You can get a case to carry them around. Can add up to 150 delegates. He will get with Kuhlman and identify some candidates to bid on a project, and if we have an idea of wired or wireless, he will get some quotes, and when we decide which system, they can do a formal quote. Brennum asked if it would be covered by ARPA funds. Kuhlman said it should be. Brusberg said he'd like to see about 10 units. Bruner thanked him for his time.

President's report – Bruner met with Sheri Pollock from Oregon Area Food Pantry. They're doing an amazing job. He highly recommends a tour. She's trying to reach out to people in our community who are eligible to use services but may not be aware of it. When someone comes in, if they're registered, she will bring a shopping list out, they will circle what they want, then staff will get the food and bring it out. They can register on the spot. She will send over a sheet for us to put in our newsletter. Brusberg asked if we know how many people they serve. Bruner said she doesn't know the numbers by location, but it's open to anyone part of the Oregon School District. Last Wednesday, Spilde, Kuhlman Brusberg and he met at Strand with O&A and All Color, and Strand had put together a preliminary layout, and based on the needs of companies, we discussed a layout. Strand will have something in the next few weeks. We have a lot of land spoken for. Strand is looking at grants for a big cost of infrastructure. Hopefully by next meeting we will have a little bit more of an update. Brusberg said All Color is still committed to 10 acres. O&A is looking at a heavy amount of parcels to purchase, price contingent, but they find the piece fronting Highway 92 desirable to have a big U-shaped building that wraps around. Groenier was there and brought up commercial condos as well. Bruner said that's up in the air, depending on reconfiguration. We have a lot of interest in the park, and he thinks we can keep it going and hopefully look at our next options soon.

Brennum made a motion to approve minutes of January 10. Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Olson looked over bills and didn't see anything. Bruner had a question about the building inspection on US cell tower. Kuhlman explained they will be taking down and replacing like five or six of the antennas. She doesn't think it's been done yet. Bruner asked about the EMS grant reimbursement. Kuhlman stated Wicik said usually EMS gets it directly. It's on our budget sheets for a revenue and expense, but the last time we did it was about 2014, and it hasn't come since then. It is a pass-through that we get it in and then write it out the EMS. Kuhlman also stated she would like to add two bills to Penflex for the Service Award Program. One for \$1,000 for admin fees and one for about \$9,600 for the award fees. **Olson made a motion to approve the bills as presented with the addition of the Penflex SAP bills.** Brusberg seconded. Motion carried.

Deputy Grumke - DCSO update - No large incidents. One resulted in an arrest. There was a hit and run on the barricade at the end of Second Street before the field. It was reported the next day by neighbors. There was no video and no one saw it. He also spoke to residents at the end of S. Rutland across from PW where the parking area is. There's been complaints about a semi parking overnight. It's not a consistent problem, besides one semi parking at 2 or 3 in the morning. One of the residents contacted the semi company back in December and spoke to the owner, and it has not been an issue since the middle of December. During winter street parking, he had some issues with residents who were confused about the wording of the current ordinance, whether they can park overnight or just from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m. they couldn't park, or if they could do it after they cleaned. There was a lot of confusion, and some residents saying they wish there was a set time after a snowfall event or alternate side and confusion regarding that. Arndt asked if that's why the winter parking ordinance is on here. Grumke said yes. Brusberg asked if the Post Office reached out. Grumke said they haven't, and he's heard through the clerk and a couple of residents, so he's trying to keep an eye on it after 5:00. The damage and things fall under postal inspectors, due to it being a federal building, so there is some jurisdictional issue. There's been zero reports when something is happening from residents or the Post Office. He's trying to look when kids are in there. Olson asked how many citations have been written for winter parking. Grumke said the first snowfall night, he gave warnings or spoke with 4 different people. For the two most recent snowfalls, he wasn't in for them, so there were zero citations. Part of that being the confusion with the ordinance. The reason it came up, from 1 a.m. to 7 a.m., they can be ticketed. If during a day snowfall, it says they have to be informed or notified to move. If he can't notify

someone, there's no grounds for a ticket. Olson asked did he work the days of snowfalls. Grumke said no, he has not working for those. Olson asked was he here Sunday. Grumke said he wasn't here because it was later than his shift. Bachim said with the last snowfall, Public Works plowed around 28 vehicles. He doesn't know the timing on that. He's kind of concerned what they can do, what can be changed, because plowing around that many vehicles is tough. Grumke said part for him is being here for one shift working 2-10 and the snow hasn't started to fall. If he knows it might be coming, he can stay after 10 and hope we get an inch. Otherwise he can come in days. He's willing to do whatever to make it efficient and work. He would like guidance if there's no snowfall at 10 p.m. Olson said if we know snowfall occurs a little later, he thought they had discussed doing overtime hours to stay in to take care of that. Grumke said if snow hasn't fallen at 10, but snowfall could go through the morning, he can stay late, but doesn't want to be staying if not falling. Bachim agreed when snow falls at awkward times, it's hard. Have any citations been written at all? Grumke said no, the first snowfall he talked to people and gave warnings. Brennum asked for his suggestion on how to handle the snow ordinance. Grumke suggested alternate side or a set hour time after the snowfall, because people can understand it better. With an alternate side, he can work on that daily even on non-snowfall days. Bruner asked if state statutes allow PW director to issue citations. Grumke thinks most do. He can follow through with a license plate, if it's documented. Olson said we can declare a snow emergency and then there's no parking for 24-48 hours. If we continue to have these problems, PW and Bruner can declare a snow emergency. Brusberg asked where the vehicles were predominantly. Bachim and Olson said the vehicles were scattered.

Winter parking ordinance – Olson suggested taking the times out and put as a snow event occurs, but the problem is we have to put in areas like up on Hotel Street where businesses are for parking in the streets. For patrons that visit the businesses, we would have to allow some kind of parking. Alternate side parking would be more confusing. Brusberg asked how it works if we declare a snow emergency and say vehicles have to be off the street by 3 a.m., who orders that or how does that work. Olson said Spilde would get ahold of Bruner and then get ahold of radio and TV and give a time period. Brusberg asked if it can be posted on Facebook as well. Kuhlman said not everyone will notice that, though. Brennum liked Olson's idea of nixing the parking altogether and say it's now a snow event for today and there's no parking for 24 hours. If snow or ice event over an inch, it's no parking for 24 hours from the end of snow. Discussion on wording of ordinance. Bruner made a motion to postpone discussion until the next meeting, but at that point be prepared to have a draft for a new ordinance. Brennum asked what happens if there's a snow event before then. We need to give Grumke direction to stay late if snow is coming. Kuhlman suggested giving Deputy Grumke permission to stay. Olson agreed. Bruner withdrew his motion. **Bruner made a motion to authorize Deputy Grumke to stay the extra four hours if there is a snow event predicted.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Bruner made a motion to address the winter parking ordinance Section 32-87 at the next board meeting.** Olson seconded. Motion carried.

Driveway ordinance – Bruner stated the PZ Commission had previously increased the sidewalk thickness going through a residential driveway from 5 inches to 7 inches, and in discussion with the zoning administrator, engineers and developers, there is no reason for a residential sidewalk to be 7 inches thick. In 90 percent of the sidewalks in the Village, they're only 5 inches going through a driveway. In a commercial driveway, 7 inches is reasonable. When a developer puts the sidewalks in, they put in at 5 inches. The current ordinance said they would have to cut out the squares and repour at 7 inches and that doesn't make a lot of sense, so that's what the new diagram is showing. No action will be taken tonight. We are updating diagrams.

Ordinance 6-5 Limitation of Number of Cats and Dogs – Bruner stated the new draft is stating exceptions may be requested via an application process that will be dealt with by the village board. Exceptions will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. There is also a draft application to exceed the pet limit. Bruner suggested adding the size of the dog, the weight, to the application. **Arndt made a motion to approve Ordinance 6-5 Limitation of Number of Cats and Dogs.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried. **Arndt made a motion to approve the application to exceed the pet limit form with the addition of weight for the pet information.** Brennum seconded. Motion carried.

Clerk's Report – Kuhlman reported that we received two **donations from the Oregon Sno Blazers and Brooklyn Sno Hornets snowmobile clubs**. One was to the Recreation Department for \$200, and one was to the Village for \$500 to Public Works for items in the park. Public Works is aware and a thank you was sent to the clubs. PW will discuss and let the clubs know what they will spend it on. **Pat Hawkey has given donation of two pickleball court nets and balls**. She also opens and locks up for the people. Brennum asked to send her a thank you as well. Pickleball is 9 to 5 during the week and Thursday evenings, and a group would like to come in Sunday mornings. Kuhlman spoke with the EDA grant person and has received the information. We will have to do an RFP for engineering to get started. Once we get the application in, it could take up to six months to review. She wants to get it done in the next month or so. Bruner asked if we can do the grant application process ourselves. Kuhlman wasn't sure because they do need engineering type scope of work. They said you could hire an engineer, but that firm could not be involved with the rest of the project. Kuhlman also spoke with Spilde and found a couple options for a posting board outside of the Village Hall. They are looking at where to put it and what kind to get. Discussion on a double or single board. **Olson made a motion to approve clerk attending the Ehlers conference February 17-18 in Wisconsin Dells at a cost of \$180 plus \$109 for the room**. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Recreation Committee – Arndt reported the Committee would like the minutes of November approved by the board. **Arndt made a motion to approve Recreation Committee minutes for November 22, 2021**. Brennum seconded. Motion carried. Bruner asked who were the winners of the lights contest? Arndt said it was a house on Marcie/Juniper, N. Kerch and Teddy Street. At their meeting this month they discussed park fundraising. Stacey will meet with Spilde regarding what equipment they need. They want to target the swings first possibly. The Chamber will get a raffle license and they would like to do a raffle for the Brooklyn Night Out. They would like to have businesses that would donate larger items. If there are any suggestions of local businesses to donate a bigger item, please pass it on. Brusberg asked if they would be doing a 50-50 raffle. Arndt confirmed they talked about doing that at Food Truck nights. Arndt said they would like to get information by March. They discussed getting an Evansville golf package or gift cards from restaurants. May 3 the Chamber is doing a Business Fair. They talked about the holiday lights contest. He brought up discussion that Recreation Committee votes on who wins, and he thought maybe they could do something where the public could vote so there's more interaction. Feels like after they posted winners, there were a lot of comments and chatter on it and people were appreciative of the citizens participating. They would need to get the word out to get those people to vote. Pickleball is popular. Yoga classes are still going strong with an average of 8 people and up to 15. Movie night has low attendance. The next one is February 5. Hardy will send out flyers to the school, and they found it's more of a success when they have a theme or are giving away free popcorn or pizza. Maybe next year they can have more theme related nights. Brennum asked if there is a way to get it posted in more places. Arndt said it's always been a thing. Kuhlman said they have tried everywhere, and if anyone has any suggestions on where to post events, please let them know. She suggested possibly a neighborhood Facebook page can share the information. Arndt suggested maybe a couple times a year a newsletter sent to everyone. Kuhlman said the clerk's office will start to send out a welcome package again when people move into the village, and we can include that type of information. The Brooklyn Guide will also have a page for rec activities. The Guide goes to everyone in 53521 zip code through the Great Dane. Arndt said if anyone has ideas on how to reach people, let them know. Food truck nights will be May through September, the third Tuesday of the month. Banners will be made and put up more permanently. Bruner asked if they're doing anything about trucks being scheduled and not showing up. Arndt said he wants to get 5-6 vendors at each night, and he made a vendor contract to send out. They will try to mix it up and see how many trucks commit to it and submit a deposit ahead of time, and they will get it back if inclement weather. It will be \$50 per truck and have a deposit, and if they don't show up, we have their money, unless weather related. That way, he will know he has those spots filled, and we can advertise for those five trucks. Brennum asked if Recreation talked about a brat stand or something specifically going to Recreation. Arndt said each truck will have a \$50 fee and that money will go to Recreation. They also talked about 4-H could do a bake sale, and Oregon Rotary could do a brat stand, etc. He wouldn't charge those groups. Brusberg asked if the food truck nights can be put in the Oregon Observer. Neal Patten said he will try. Summer youth starts June 27 for five weeks. Brooklyn Night Out will be August 4. They will stick with bank donating food and no additional trucks for that night. People enjoyed having

the equipment out. Fall Arts and Crafts is September 3. Arndt thinks summer youth age group is 6-12. Brennum asked if there are talks on doing something for older kids. Arndt yes, there have been talks.

Fire/EMS Commission – Brusberg reported they had a meeting last week Wednesday. Fire chief's report – there were 168 fire calls last year, and 157 in 2020. Tender 7 needs some work and has had some air leaks. Bachim said for the most part that's been addressed and fixed and it's back in service. Brusberg said it needs some additional work, but they're trying to get parts. They've had quotes and it will be about 14-15 weeks for repair when they're able to get it all done. Bachim is not sure, but engine 1 is going in for service or has been in for service. But they're both working and in service, he thinks. EMS had 281 calls in 2021 compared to 241 for 2020. One data point, they talked about the number of cancelled calls prior to arrival. They were canceled 61 times prior to arrival on scene, and many took place in Oregon. We had 89 mutual aid and 69 were in the Village of Oregon. They provided and voted on recommendations for assistant chief fire and medical. Assistant chief for fire will be Spilde for a term of one year and medical is Justin Wicik for two years, to make sure they're staggered. Brusberg said those came from recommendation of members. Year-end financial statements were in the packet. There are still some bills coming in. Gross profit relative to total expenses, there is about \$61,000 for EMS to carry over to next year into unallocated funds. There is \$68,700 for fire at this time. So both will be adding dollars to the unallocated balances. When they go through and recalibrate financials, with the 30% reserve, and separately EMS where it subsidizes \$38,000 for 2022 budget, those will be reflected in January reporting for 2022. Brennum said they would like it to be net zero, so are they making headway on getting closer to net zero rather than 61k or 68k over. Brusberg said it has not been a discussion. The EMS unallocated is still intended to go for an ambulance in a few years. Once they see the January financials, it will be a good discussion to have. Fire hasn't had an unallocated balance, but EMS you see the unallocated funds, so fire should have an unallocated fund now in 2022 reporting. They picked a CPA firm for 2020-2021 and are going forward with Johnson Block, and they signed up for 3 cycles. They are looking at doing a website update for fire and EMS, and they're trying to bring them both together. They will do some demos with Barber, Wicik, Andrisevic, and Sue Williams possibly. They are looking at the same firm we have here in the village, which is also used by Towns of Oregon, Rutland and Brooklyn. They moved forward with passing a resolution for ETF for life insurance and income continuation. They deferred talking about goals until the February meeting. If there are certain things that come to mind, let him know. The intent is for Barber to also have a direct influence over what those goals will be. Brennum asked if when he was hired, were any kpi's discussed to hit over the years. Brusberg said that will be part of the discussion. We need to put in some standard rules and HR reporting. The Town of Rutland is looking to make tweaks to the district agreement. Anything underlined is a proposed change, and anything in bold is where there is flexibility with the wording. We don't need to decide anything tonight. We will put it onto our next meeting and discuss everyone's thoughts. There are some rules around the ARPA funds. Marx needs to further dig into those and understand. Kuhlman provided documentation on what can and cannot be used. Replenishing funds into an unallocated fund cannot be used. If there's a definitive thing for safety they want to prioritize and want to seek a donation for, it could be an opportunity. Kuhlman said there are at least four reasons why they can't use it. It has to be after March 31 of 2021, and this was in 2020. It cannot be used to reimburse funds already paid to employees, nor given to volunteers. And it can't be used to replenish unallocated funds. But if they are looking at a specific item, that could be discussed.

Brennum made a motion at 8:42 p.m. to adjourn. Bachim seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Kuhlman, WCMC, CMTW
Clerk-Treasurer

VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN ORDINANCE CHAPTER 32

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND

SECTIONS 32-87 AND 32-88 OF CHAPTER 32 OF THE CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN

REGARDING WINTER PARKING

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BROOKLYN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 32-87: Chapter 32, Traffic and Vehicles; Section 32-87 Winter Parking, and Section 32-88 Snow emergency parking regulations of the Village of Brooklyn Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 32-87. Winter parking.

- (a) Except as provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, from December 1 through March 31, no on-street parking will be allowed on any street in the village between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. when there is an ice event or over one inch of snow and 24 hours after the ice event or snowfall has finished.
- (b) From December 1 through March 31, no on-street parking will be allowed on Hotel Street between Commercial Street (Hwy. 92) and North Rutland Avenue (Hwy. MM) between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. when there is an ice event or over one inch of snow and 24 hours after the ice event or snowfall has finished.
- (c) Section 32-82 is adopted by reference.
- (d) Any vehicle parked in violation of subsection (a) or (b) of this section will be ticketed \$30.00 and/or towed.
(Ord. of 7-13-2015(1), § 32.20(1); Ord. of 10-14-2019(1); Ord. of 1-11-2021(1))

Sec. 32-88. Snow emergency parking regulations.

- (a) Definition. The village board, village president or public works director declares a snow emergency exists when the director of public works has determined the snow and/or ice accumulation on the village streets is in an amount sufficient to hinder the safe movement of traffic or to impede the ability of emergency vehicles and public transportation vehicles to travel safely and expeditiously over such streets or alleys.
- (b) Such declaration requires the director of public works to notify four designated radio stations, two local television stations and, if feasible, one public access channel by no later than 10:00 p.m. of the day of the village's declared snow emergency.
- (c) No person shall park any motor vehicle or leave any motor vehicle parked upon any street or alley within the village, during any period of time in which snow or ice has accumulated and where snow emergency conditions exist, until snow has been plowed or removed from such street or alley.
- (d) This section shall be effective from November 1 to April 30 of each snow season.
- (e) Enforcement of this section shall not require any public posting in the village.
- (f) Owners of vehicles parked in violation of this section shall be subject to prosecution as provided in this chapter. In the event of a violation the village shall have the authority to have vehicles towed to the facility of the person providing the towing service or a designated area. The cost of such towing shall be added to the forfeiture.

(Ord. of 7-13-2015(1), § 32.20(2))

Adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Brooklyn, Wisconsin, this

14th day of February 2022.

APPROVED: Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**FREE Family Movie Night is
Saturday, March 5th**



Clue:

**I knew you wouldn't change.
You are the same naughty
rabbit you've always been.**

Brooklyn Community Building

Doors Open at 6:00|Movie Starts at 6:30pm



Current Get Fit Class Schedule

**Wednesday - 6:00pm
YOGA SLOW FLOW**



Pickleball at the Community Building

Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm

& Thursday from 5 pm – 9 pm

Call the Clerk's Office for scheduling information

608-455-4201.



Brooklyn Fire & EMS 2021 call for emergency service totals:

Brooklyn EMS: 277 calls for emergency service

Brooklyn Fire: 169 calls for emergency service

We, along with most area services, continue to see a rise in medical related calls. We also saw a rise in mutual aid requests to many surrounding communities. Oregon Fire & EMS District is the most frequent location that we are called to, for Fire or EMS assistance. We continue to have a need for additional members. All necessary equipment, and training is paid for by the department. Classes are taught by the area technical colleges and follow the school schedules (Spring and Fall semesters). Please contact us if you have any questions or would like to discuss becoming a larger part of your community. We can be reached at (608) 455-3812, or at brooklynfireems.org, or follow us on Facebook at Brooklyn WI Fire and EMS!





Green County Public Health
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Green County Public Health
gcpublichealth.org
info@greencountywi.org
(608)328-9390

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 4, 2021

CONTACT: RoAnn Warden, Public Health Officer, 608-328-9390

Green County Public Health Increasing COVID-19 Testing and Changing Testing Site Location

Monroe – Beginning Thursday, February 10th Green County Public Health is adding an additional day of COVID-19 testing and changing our testing site location to the School District of Monroe Bauer Education Center (1220 16th Ave, Monroe, Wisconsin, 53566). Testing will be available on Thursdays from 11:30a.m. – 1:30p.m. and Mondays from 9:00a.m. – 11:00a.m. at this new location. The last day of testing at the shed across from Pleasant View Nursing Home on the Pleasant View Complex will be on Monday, February 7th.

The new testing site will be set-up as a walk-up testing site. Individuals will need to drive to the site and come into the building. Parking is available outside the building, and across the street. Testing will be located on the lower level of the building. Masks and social distancing are required to enter the testing site.

There is no appointment needed to get tested, but individuals should register for their test ahead of time at gcpublichealth.org. After registering people will be emailed a QR code (like a bar code) that they will need to bring to get tested – either on their smart phone or printed. People who do not have access to internet or a computer can register on-site. Registering ahead of time makes the testing process easier for staff and community members.

Testing is open to anyone 12 months of age and older. People 12 months to 17 years old will need a parent or guardian with them to get tested.

Additional options for COVID-19 testing can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, COVID-19 testing webpage: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/community-testing.htm>

To stay up to date on all things Green County Public Health please monitor the Green County Public Health [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

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WIN A GIFT CARD!

#ExploreBrooklyn contest

Starting February 1, share a selfie from any Brooklyn area business, post it to the Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook page (@BrooklynACoC) with #ExploreBrooklyn (or email brooklynareachamber@gmail.com)

Drawings will take place every Friday during the month for a \$25 gift card. Grand prize drawing will be held March 4 for \$50 gift card.



Brooklyn Area Chamber of Commerce presents a

BUSINESS FAIR

MAY 3, 2022 – 5 to 8 p.m.

@Brooklyn Community Building

(50-50 raffle, door prizes, food,
activities for kids - more details to follow)

VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARINGS



Dane County Broadband Task Force

The Dane County Broadband Task Force is working to identify where broadband is and is not accessible in Dane County, as well as exploring solutions.

The Task Force will be holding two virtual public hearings and invites members of the public to attend on the following dates:

February 28 at 6-8:30 pm

Register: <https://bit.ly/228BBTF>

Toll Free Call-In Option: 1-833-548-0276 Passcode: 919 3781 6394

To provide comment, please register no later than 5:30pm on February 28

March 4 at 9-11:30 am

Register: <https://bit.ly/34BBTF>

Toll Free Call-In Option: 1-833-548-0276 Passcode: 919 3046 4088

To provide comment, please register no later than 8:30am on March 4

In addition to the public hearings, residents can provide testimony through using any of the following ways:

Email: Dane.Broadband.Task.Force@countyofdane.com

Phone: (608) 266-5758

Mailing Address: Dane County Board of Supervisors 210 MLK Jr. Blvd.
Room 362, Madison WI 53703

Broadband in Green County

SCAN THE QR CODE & TAKE
THE BROADBAND SPEEDTEST!

or visit

[www.greencountywi.org/397/
Broadband-Resources](http://www.greencountywi.org/397/Broadband-Resources)



**GREEN COUNTY IS WORKING TO ENSURE EVERYONE HAS
ACCESS TO QUALITY INTERNET CONNECTIVITY**

Internet speeds that fall below the FCC standards are eligible for federal and state grants. To improve internet connectivity throughout the county, the GREEN County Broadband Committee will use speed test data to work with internet providers and possibly apply for federal and state grants. We invite you to test your internet speeds by taking this speed test and contribute to the community broadband speed data.

To ensure comprehensive data, repeat the test at different times, different places and different days. Please also encourage your friends, family, colleagues and neighbors to take the test, since this will help create a better map showing where service is and is not adequate.

When performing the speed test, your address is not stored/saved! The information that is retained is: Speed Test Results & General Location where the test was performed.

Even if you don't have internet service, your input is important. You can still help by taking the speed test (at a family member's home, a neighbor's, etc.) clicking on "Enter an address with No Available Service" and completing the survey. The service map will record your address as having no access to internet service. You can also schedule a visit at any public library location and take the speed test using their public computer and internet access.



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COUNTY**
WISCONSIN
there's an art to it.

February 2022 News from Your Senior Center

By Rachel Brickner

The Senior Center has been quieter than usual the past several weeks with the surge of the Omicron variant of the Coronavirus. Still, important work continues to be done, and necessary services provided.

All meals have become carry out or home delivered once again. That means Ziggy's lunches on Thursdays are a parking lot drive-through experience, with two meal choices each week. There is no need for reservations for those meals, people 60+ need only drive through Ziggy's lot between 11:30 and 12:30.

The other weekday meals are served carry out at the senior center. The pickup window is 11:15-11:30. These meals require two days' advance reservation. The menu can be found on-line or in the Senior Center's monthly Newsletter. For people who qualify as homebound, meals continue to be delivered to seniors' homes each weekday.

The price for the meals is a donation.

The Senior Center case managers continue to work, providing support and information for local older adults. If you have concerns, the case managers can likely help. They are currently fielding calls about tax preparation, energy assistance and transportation (among other issues). The case managers are trained to connect people with resources, and work with all age groups on issues regarding older adults. Their work continues in spite of the pandemic.

Another service that has remained open is the state-licensed adult day program that operates out of the Center. Three mornings each week up to 16 older adults come to the Senior Center for a morning of planned activities that keep them engaged, moving and connected. Meanwhile, their care partners have the opportunity for a break from their usual responsibilities.

If you know of an older adult who might be at risk of isolation (perhaps they are alone most of the time with a television for company), please call and inquire about the Center's Adult Day Program.

Transportation continues to be offered for residents of Dane County. Older adults can go to medical appointments, grocery stores, and the food pantry as usual.

The Center itself is open each day until 3:00, with the puzzle and book lending libraries available. The loan closet of medical equipment is available with an appointment. The gift shop is open. Some activities that allow people to be masked and stay physically distanced are going on, such as movies and shooting pool.

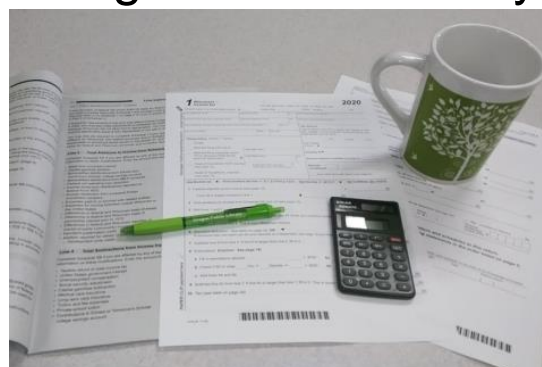
Please call with any questions about what is—and what isn't—happening at the Senior Center these days: 608-835-5801.

Click on link below to read the
[February 2022](#)
[March 2022](#)

Senior Center Newsletters



Oregon Public Library



Tax forms are here!

The library has federal and state tax forms in our lobby.

If we do not have a tax form, it can be printed from the [Wisconsin Department of Revenue website](#)(link is external) or the [IRS website](#)(link is external) for you. The first 10 pages are free and after that it is \$0.10 per page.

If you need help selecting tax forms, call the IRS help line at (800) 829-1040 8 am-8 pm or go to <https://www.irs.gov/help/telephone-assistance>(link is external) for more information.

The library does not have tax professionals and cannot provide advice.

Oregon is not a site for Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) this year.



The Pantry Press

Distribution Dates & Times

February

Tues., 2/22 from 9-11 am

Thurs., 2/24 from 4-6 pm

March

Tues., 3/1 from 9-11am

Sat., 3/5 from 9-11 am

Tues., 3/8 from 9-11 am

Thurs., 3/10 from 4-6 pm

Tues., 3/15 from 9-11 am

Tues., 3/22 from 9-11 am

Tues., 3/29 from 9-11 am

Thurs., 3/31 from 4-6 pm

Click on the link below to read the
complete newsletter:

[OAFP Newsletter](#)

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**Assessment services for the village are  
provided by Accurate Appraisal:**

[www.accurateassessor.com](http://www.accurateassessor.com)

If you have any questions about your assessment,  
please contact their customer service team.

Phone: 920-749-8098      Email:

[info@accurateassessor.com](mailto:info@accurateassessor.com)

Please watch this video to learn more about What  
Assessors Do:

<https://youtu.be/htGANg3eNqs>

Every municipality in Wisconsin is required to maintain assessed property values within 10% of the states determined market value, or the value a third party would buy your property for on the open market. A periodic revaluation ensures Brooklyn stays in compliance with state statutes.

**The last village-wide revaluation of all property was performed in 2019.** The village expects to revalue property about every 5 to 7 years, or when assessed values fall out of compliance with state statutes. During a revaluation, all property is reviewed and revalued to market value. New assessments are categorized based on age, style, location, neighborhood, etc. Assessors compare sales of similar property and set new assessed values throughout the entire village. Revaluing the entire village ensures fairness and equity among all property types.

A notice is sent to every property owner when assessed values are changed. You will have an opportunity to talk with an assessor, usually a 30-to-60-day period, before the Board of Review. You do not need to set an appointment to talk to an assessor. You can call or email them once you receive your notice all the way up to 48 hours before board of review.

Between revaluation years the village assessors perform what is called Maintenance. Assessors will update data on permits, new construction, demolitions, and any other adjustments that may affect value. If you would like an inspection of your property, please contact the assessor's office and we will come review your property in January or February each year.

Assessors are not responsible for setting taxes, and your assessed value cannot be used by the village to increase or decrease their budget for tax purposes. An increase/decrease in assessed value does not mean you will see an increase/decrease in your taxes as there are many factors that affect taxes such as schools, roads, fire, police, and other services the village needs.

Please contact the assessor's office if you have any questions on the assessment process or have questions about your assessed value.





## WISCONSIN LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

No  
Wisconsinite  
should be  
faced with  
losing their  
water service.



**Water** is one of nature's most beautiful and life-sustaining resources. At no fault of their own many WI utility customers are facing a shut-off to their water service. This leaves them without the one life-giving resource we all take for granted. And those hardest hit are on fixed incomes juggling multiple temporary jobs, or those who lost full-time jobs in sectors hardest hit by the pandemic.

Recognizing this, funds have been made available to ensure that Wisconsinites have access to crucial resources like heat, power, and also water.

If someone you care about needs a hand up, your local WI energy and emergency rental assistance providers are working together to keep you safely in your home, and your water, heat, and power on.

If you are in danger of falling behind on your water bills & losing your water service call  
**1-833-H2O-WISC  
(833-426-9472)**

**You may not ask for it,  
but we are here to help.**

## How do I qualify?

Your household may qualify if a household member meets the following:

- Complete a WHEAP application online or schedule an appointment at a service center convenient to you.

### Applicants will need to provide the following:

- ✓ Your most recent water bill
- ✓ SOCIAL SECURITY #'S
- ✓ Written proof of your household's gross income for the one month prior to your application, such as:
  - Payroll stubs
  - Child support printout
  - Unemployment printout
  - Social Security benefit verification letter

- Have a household gross income at or below the listed income guidelines.

- Provide a copy of your latest water utility bill.

LIHWAP grants are paid towards arrears and billing statements at the time of application.

Based on funding availability, low income or fixed income households may apply for additional LIHWAP benefits to offset the future threat of disconnection of water service.

Bill payments are made directly to utilities who have an established vendor agreement with the state of Wisconsin. LIHWAP benefit payments are made on your behalf directly to your water utility.

| 2021<br>2022 <i>homeenergy+</i>                                        |                                 |
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| NEW ENERGY ASSISTANCE<br>PREVIOUS ONE MONTH<br>GROSS INCOME GUIDELINES |                                 |
| NUMBER IN<br>HOUSEHOLD                                                 | GROSS INCOME<br>LIMIT (1 MONTH) |
| 1                                                                      | \$2,591.92                      |
| 2                                                                      | \$3,389.42                      |
| 3                                                                      | \$4,186.92                      |
| 4                                                                      | \$4,984.42                      |
| 5                                                                      | \$5,781.92                      |
| 6                                                                      | \$6,579.42                      |
| 7                                                                      | \$6,729.00                      |
| 8                                                                      | \$6,878.50                      |



To directly connect with  
a LIHWAP eligibility  
specialist CALL

**833-426-9472**

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**OR**

You may also apply online at  
**wisconsinwater.help**  
or email  
**support@wisconsinwater.help**

Our capable staff are available to answer  
any questions you may have and assist you  
in applying for LIHWAP or other resources  
that may be of help, such as the low-income  
Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program  
and the Wisconsin Emergency Rental  
Assistance Program.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Please call **833-426-9472** or visit **wisconsinwater.help**

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# March

## 2022

| Sunday                                                                 | Monday                                                                  | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday                                                     | Thursday                                                  | Friday           | Saturday                                                                     |
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| Pickleball & Yoga classes held at Community Bldg 102 N. Rutland Avenue | *\$5/Tire Contact Clerk's Office for stickers 608-455-4201              | Pickleball 8a-5p                            | <b>Garbage &amp; Recycling</b><br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p | Pickleball 8a-9p<br>Bookmobile Gazebo 515-630p            | Pickleball 8a-5p | <b>FREE Family Movie</b><br><b>Night Doors Open 6p,</b><br><b>Movie 630p</b> |
| Pickleball 10a-Noon                                                    | Pickleball 8a-5p                                                        | Tires*, Oil & Batteries<br>Pickleball 8a-5p | <b>Garbage</b><br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p                 | Pickleball 8a- 9p<br><b>Recreation Mtg 530p</b>           | Pickleball 8a-5p |                                                                              |
| Pickleball 10a-Noon                                                    | Pickleball 8a-5p<br><b>Finance Mtg</b><br><b>Village Board Mtg 630p</b> | Pickleball 8a-5p                            | <b>Garbage &amp; Recycling</b><br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p | Pickleball 8a-9p<br><b>Planning &amp; Zoning Mtg 630p</b> | Pickleball 8a-5p |                                                                              |
| Pickleball 10a-Noon                                                    | Pickleball 8a-5p                                                        | Pickleball 8a-5p                            | <b>Garbage</b><br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p                 | Pickleball 8a-9p                                          | Pickleball 8a-5p |                                                                              |
| Pickleball 10a-Noon                                                    | Pickleball 8a-5p<br><b>Village Board Mtg 630p</b>                       | Pickleball 8a-5p                            | <b>Garbage &amp; Recycling</b><br>Pickleball 8a-5p<br>Yoga 6p | Pickleball 8a-9p                                          |                  |                                                                              |
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